

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A structure for mounting an engine for a vehicle comprising:
a supporting member for supporting the engine on a front
side of the engine with a space provided between the engine and
the supporting member; and
an auxiliary equipment disposed in the space between the
engine and the supporting member, wherein
the supporting member has a strength against a load applied
thereto in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than
that of the auxiliary equipment.
2. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1,
further comprising a first bracket which is fixed to the engine
at a first point on the front side of the engine and is supported
by the supporting member at a second point lower than the first
point.
3. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1,
wherein the auxiliary equipment comprises a starter motor.
4. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1,
wherein the supporting member is formed in a channel shape open
frontward.
5. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1,
wherein the supporting member is provided with a fragile portion
which reduces the strength of the supporting member against the
load to the supporting member in the longitudinal direction of
the vehicle.
6. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 5,

wherein the fragile portion comprises a pair of vertically extending emboss beads formed on inner side faces of the supporting member.

5 7. The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 2, further comprising a second bracket for mounting the auxiliary equipment, wherein

the auxiliary equipment has a strength against the load applied thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle
10 less than that of the engine,

the second bracket has a strength against the load applied thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of the supporting member, and

the first bracket has a strength against the load applied
15 thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of the second bracket.

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